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**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PAYMENT
OF MAINTENANCE FEE IN EXPIRED PATENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.378(c))**

1. This is a petition to accept the payment of the maintenance fee that was due for this patent as follows:

DATE FEE DUE AND GRACE PERIOD

2. The maintenance fee was due on April 23, 2011.

The six-month grace period provided in § 1.362(e) expired on October 23, 2011.

TIME OF FILING THIS PETITION

3. This petition is being filed within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in § 1.362(e), as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.378(c).

DELAY UNINTENTIONAL

4. The delay in paying the maintenance fee for this patent was unintentional.

5. **MAINTENANCE FEE (37 C.F.R. § 1.20(e))**

3½ years (37 CFR § 1.20(e))	<u>Small Entity</u>
	\$ 565.00
Fee being submitted	\$ 565.00

SMALL ENTITY

6. Small entity status for the application for which this patent issued was established by payment of the basic filing fee as a small entity.

7. **SURCHARGE (UNINTENTIONAL)**

The surcharge required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(i)(2) of \$1,640.00 is also being paid as a condition of accepting payment of the maintenance fee.

TOTAL FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 2,205.00

8. **FEE PAYMENT (MAINTENANCE AND SURCHARGE FEES)**

Attached is a check in the amount of \$ 2,205.00.

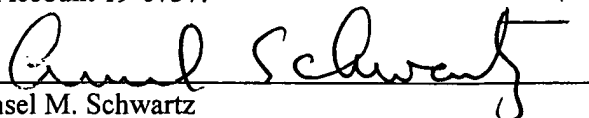
A duplicate of this paper is attached.

9. **OVERPAYMENT**

As to any overpayment made, please credit Account 19-0737.

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